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National Household Survey misses nearly half of Saskatchewan

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- Immigration numbers rose from 7,955 between 2001 and 2005 to 26,920 between 2006 and 2011.
- 11.3 per cent of Saskatchewan's population identify themselves as aboriginal.

The federal government's decision to axe the mandatory long-form census has left hundreds of communities in Saskatchewan without new data on changing populations and demographics.

Statistics Canada released the first results from the 2011 voluntary National Household Survey on Wednesday, publishing data on topics such as religion, visible minorities, aboriginals and immigration.

While the published data highlights significant immigration bumps in the province, Statistics Canada didn't publish information for 43 per cent of the province's communities, most of which are rural and First Nations communities.

"The estimates for such areas have such a high level of error that they should not be released under most circumstances," the agency said.

Marty Baroni, assistant administrator in Biggar — one of the towns not represented in the census data — said a growing Filipino community in his riding would probably not be captured in the immigration data.

Baroni also said that because the town mostly relies on short-form population counts for statistical analysis, he isn't immediately concerned that Biggar isn't on the latest data release.

Both the NDP and Liberals call the decision to cut the long-form census an example of Conservative disdain for hard evidence, and are asking to bring it back for 2016. But Prime Minister Stephen Harper defended his government's decision and congratulated Statistics Canada for its work.

"Obviously, going forward we will look for ways to improve things, but always in a way that respects and balances the need for public data with the privacy rights of Canadians," Harper said in the House of Commons.

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FOR THE HEEL OF IT

Walk a mile? Well, they made it down the hall. Saskatchewan MLAs Kevin Phillips, left, Fred Bradshaw and Gord Wyant wear women's shoes on Wednesday at the legislature to support a fundraiser for Angel's Lighthouse, a 16-bed transition house to be constructed in the town of Melfort for abused women and children. The event on Thursday in Melfort, titled Walk A Mile In Her Shoes, will have about 140 people taking part — many of them men walking in women's shoes with four-inch heels, to make a statement about awareness among men to women's pain. ROSS ROMANIUK/METRO IN REGINA

Jubilant homecoming

Cleveland kidnapping victims Amanda Berry and Gina DeJesus are greeted with hugs and cheers, while police lay charges against a suspect

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Singer still dancin' to the rock and roll

Les McKeown's Legendary Bay City Rollers in town on S-A-T-U-R-D-A-Y Night

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From paper to reality: Mapping out a plan to end homelessness

United Way. Strategy session next week will gather ideas and come up with firm blueprint

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On May 1, Brenda and at least 10 other people were evicted from a shared living space so their landlord could renovate. Now, unable to afford rental rates and with nowhere else to go, Brenda is living on the streets, asking strangers for change just so she can eat.

"Some people choose to be homeless because they have problems," said Brenda, who requested that her last name not be published. "But I didn't choose to be here."

Brenda's story is one of many that the United Way of Saskatoon and Area will be addressing when it gathers with community partners on May 13 and 14 to finalize a strategy for the Plan to End Homelessness.

After laying groundwork for the plan for more than a year, next week's planning session — also called a charrette — will see it become a reality.

"It's a way to get as much input from as many people as possible," said Sheri Benson, executive director of the United Way of Saskatoon and Area. "The charrette is a way to talk about the issues and design … an actual plan."

The public event at TCU Place will see participants focus their discussions on several key issues, such as determining the roles of shelters and transition houses and housing-first strategies.

Benson said the final plan, which is expected to be released in June, will outline not only what has to be done, but also ideas about how to do it.

"United Way has made a commitment to play a role … to take (the plan) from a piece of paper to a living document and actually moving forward on the priorities in it," Benson said. "The idea of the plan is to hold ourselves accountable to move forward and to stick to timelines."

Brenda, who asked that her last name not be used, sits in front of the Midtown Plaza asking passersby for change, something she has done daily since finding herself homeless at the beginning of the month. JANE CAULFIELD/METRO

Montreal Lake

Murder charge laid in child's death

A man is charged with second-degree murder after the death of a three-year-old boy in northern Saskatchewan. Police say the child was in cardiac arrest when he arrived at hospital from a home in Montreal Lake on April 4. Autopsy results led to the arrest of Martin Abel Bird, 28. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Education funding

Universities hung out to dry: Opposition

The province is short-changing education and underfunding universities, the opposition says.

New Democrat Warren McCall raised the issue in the legislature after the University of Regina announced that undergraduates will pay 4.4 per cent more for tuition, while master's and PhD students will pay 10 per cent more. McCall said the province has dumped costs onto students.

Advanced Education Minister Don Morgan said the U of R has received a 36 per cent funding increase to operate since 2007.

The U of R had hoped to get between four and five per cent funding in the recent budget, but it got 1.94 per cent. Universities and colleges got an overall 2.1 per cent. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Spring run-off

Communities lining up for disaster relief

Forty-eight Saskatchewan communities have asked the province for disaster assistance because of flooding. The number comes as the Water Security Agency says overall water levels are going down across the province.

The agency had warned that the entire southern half of Saskatchewan would see high spring run-off levels and flooding was likely in many areas.

Deputy emergency management commissioner Colin King says the flood threat has not waned, and some lakes, particularly those in the Qu'Appelle Valley, will rise over the next couple of weeks.

Fourteen communities remain under a state of emergency.

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Street sweeping, potholes posing problem for cyclists

Two-wheeled commuters. While curbside lanes are swept, debris builds up there faster than regular driving lanes

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Cyclists in Saskatoon say the city needs to do a better job accommodating them as spring street sweeping presents a number of challenges for two-wheeled commuters.

Cathy Watts, chairperson of Saskatoon Cycles, said cyclists already face a number of dangers on the streets and poor road conditions add another level of problems.

"It's really challenging," said Watts. "All of the dirt and gravel that's been put on the roads get pushed off to the curb lane … so you're travelling through a lot of gritty gravel, which is really tricky on a bike."

She also said the fact the city focused on driving lanes during its recent pothole-patching blitz has made it difficult for cyclists as some curbside lanes remain in rough shape.

"They're terrible," said Watts. "Your wheel falls into a pothole and you're going over your handlebars, so it's really dangerous for cyclists. You have to be ever-vigilant about what is happening on the ground before you, as well as being totally aware of what's going on around you."

Angela Gardiner, manager of the city's transportation branch, explained while street sweeping does include curbside bike lanes, they tend to become filled with debris faster than driving lanes.

"Where the problem presents itself is, as more debris comes onto the roadway and as travel lanes are being used by vehicles, it does indirectly throw debris into the non-travel lanes," said Gardiner, noting council voted against allocating funds to specifically focus on sweeping the city's bike lanes in the 2013 budget.

"It's causing a number of different issues from across the board, but we are getting out there as quickly as we can to sweep and clean up the roadways so it's safe for everybody," she said.

Jon Canning, a manager at Bike Doctor in Saskatoon, works on a bike Wednesday afternoon. MORGAN MODJESKI/METRO

Despite delay, sports teams ready to hit the field

The diamonds at Industrial Park. MORGAN MODJESKI/METRO

After roughly a week of delays, the city's sports fields are opening on Thursday and local sports leagues are excited to hit the grass. But some say the delay posed challenges for organizers.

Octavian Iliuta, program co-ordinator with Saskatoon Youth Soccer, said while soccer players in the city were able to start their season on time because of access to the SaskTel Sports Centre, scheduling has been less than perfect.

"The schedule has been a lot more challenging to build given the reduced number of fields," said Iliuta.

"One of the major things that we look at is the game-to-practice ratio, as we don't want to make (teams) play … back to back," said Iliuta.

Others like Craig Stevenson, president of the Saskatoon Blue Jays Zone of the Saskatoon Minor Baseball League, said they too have been impacted by the reduced field time.

"The delay … has mostly directly impacted how teams have prepared for the start of the season," said Stevenson. "Typically we're out in the field at least by the third or fourth week of April and we're able to get outside and practice … but this year most of the teams that have been practicing have had to go inside to school gyms."

But despite the delay, both Stevenson and Iliuta said they were excited city fields are opening sooner than the May 27 date initially predicted by the city.

Loretta Odorico, acting manager of the city's leisure services branch's community services department, said most sports fields will be good to go on Thursday.

She said while there has been an influx of people trying to book extra field time to make up for lost games, the city is well equipped to handle the later rush.

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Accessibility

Saskatoon mom with muscular dystrophy pleads for new housing

A Saskatoon mother with muscular dystrophy says the province needs more housing for people with disabilities.

Trina Mackie lives in a second-floor apartment without an elevator and says she has to go down the stairs on her bum and crawl up. The 29-year-old says she has fallen several times and suffered concussions.

Mackie says she was initially placed on a five-year wait list for housing and then bumped up to a priority list, but there's no time frame on when she'll get a new place to live.

The Opposition NDP raised the issue in the legislature, saying the province needs more accessible housing. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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Province to give tax-filing break to businesses affected by floods

The Saskatchewan government says it's prepared to give flood-affected businesses more time to file provincial sales tax returns.

Finance Minister Ken Krawetz says owners can apply to have penalty and interest charges waived.

Returns are usually due by the 20th day of the month following the end of a reporting period.

Krawetz says the government is taking into account unusual circumstances in the province this spring.

Any request for filing relief must be in writing to the Finance Department and must include location and flooding details.

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Man charged in decade-long kidnapping, rape of women

Cleveland, Ohio.
No evidence his brothers were involved, police say

A Cleveland man arrested after three women missing for a decade were found alive at his run-down home was charged Wednesday with kidnapping and raping them. Prosecutors brought no charges against his brothers, saying there was no evidence they had any part in the crime.

Ariel Castro, 52, was charged with four counts of kidnapping — covering all three captives and the daughter born to one of them while she was held — and three counts of rape against the three women.

The former school bus driver owns the home where the women were rescued on Monday, after one of them broke through a screen door.

Police said that they were apparently bound with ropes and chains, and a city councilman briefed on the case, Brian Cummins, said they suffered miscarriages.

Deputy Police Chief Ed Tomba said the women could remember being outside only twice during their captivity.

The women were not kept in the same room but knew they were not alone, he said.

Neighbours said that Castro took part in the search for one of the missing women.

Earlier in the day, former captives Amanda Berry and Gina DeJesus were welcomed home by jubilant crowds of loved ones and neighbours with balloons and banners.

The third captive, Michelle Knight, 32, was reported in good condition at Metro Health Medical Center.

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Neighbours and friends of Amanda Berry clap as she arrives at her sister's home on Wednesday in Cleveland. Inset: Ariel Castro, the former bus driver charged with the crime. TONY DEJAK/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

'Similarities'

A fourth girl?

Ashley Summers
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

A fourth woman could be connected to the case, the FBI confirms.

Ashley Summers vanished at age 14 from the same area where the others were abducted.

She was last seen in 2007.

FBI spokesperson Vicki Anderson said the disappearance has "similarities" that the FBI is investigating. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Ottawa.
Package had the makings of a bomb: Police

A suspicious package found in the lobby of the Ottawa offices of the Department of National Defence Tuesday evening had the hallmarks of an improvised explosive device, police say.

"An X-ray was done of the package," said Insp. Mike Maloney. He said the package had a power source and a timing device but no explosive material. He also said there was "never any danger to the public."

"All the material was there, but that doesn't mean it was a bomb," said Maloney.

Police used a water cannon to separate the components of the device and then used something called a water bottle charge with a small amount of explosive to render the package safe.

Even if the device was not found to be an explosive, Maloney said there's still the potential to lay public mischief charges given the disruption to the public.

At around 7 p.m., an explosion echoed through the area around the headquarters after the Ottawa Police force's Chemical, Biological, Radiological, Nuclear and Explosives team was called in to investigate the suspicious package.

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Police are looking for witnesses in relation to the suspicious package. METRO

Marathon bombing

Suspect's body still without a grave

The dispute over where to bury suspected Boston Marathon bomber Tamerlan Tsarnaev escalated Wednesday as a Massachusetts police chief urged someone to step forward with a cemetery plot, saying: "We are not barbarians. We bury the dead."

Worcester Police Chief Gary Gemme's plea came a day after he said that a deal struck Monday to bury the 26-year-old's remains at a state prison site dissolved, with state officials no longer offering co-operation.

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Utah soccer game

Teen charged in one-punch killing

A Utah teen accused of punching a soccer referee who later died was charged Wednesday with homicide by assault, a count issued when an attack unintentionally causes death.

Salt Lake County District Attorney Sim Gill also said he will seek to try the teen as an adult.

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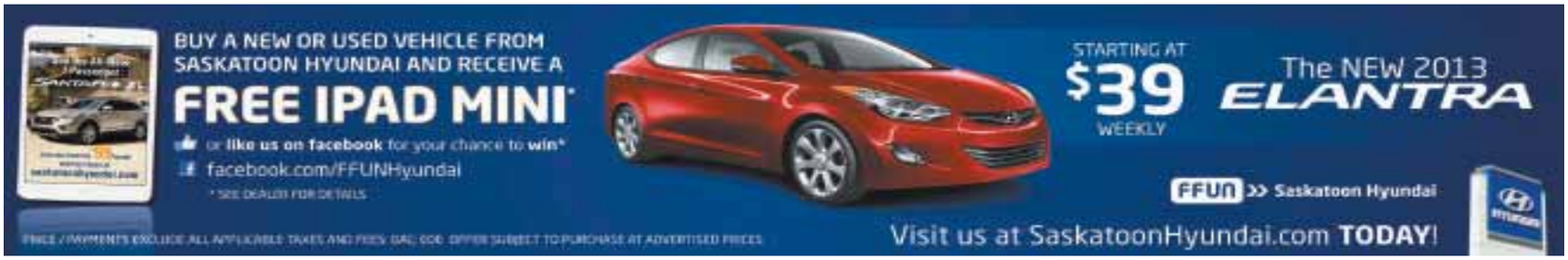

A day at the office: Eat, swim, patrol Australia's beaches

Tough assignments. Eight Canadians make shortlist for Tourism Australia's Best Jobs in the World competition

Mary Gazze of Toronto has made the shortlist in the Taste Master category of Travel Australia's Best Jobs in the World competition. FACEBOOK

Mary Gazze of Toronto is going to eat her way around Australia, if she gets the job as Taste Master. Greg Snell of Oshawa, Ont. will swim with Australia's dolphins, if he gets the job as Wildlife Caretaker.

Drew Sellen of Pickering, Ont. will patrol Australia's beaches and check the water temperature if he gets the job as Park Ranger. However, he has a competitor in Margi Shah of Mississauga, Ont.

They are among the eight Canadians on the 150-person shortlist for Tourism Australia's Best Jobs in the World Competition. Other Canadians on the shortlist hail from Montreal and British Columbia.

The successful job applicants will start their six-month contract positions on Aug. 1.

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- Wildlife Caretaker, Southern Australia. Wakes up kangaroos, swims with dolphins.
- Taste Master in Western Australia. Eats way around state.

Floating flip-flops find fulfillment

Carver Jackson Mbatha, 40, poses next to a large toy giraffe he is making from pieces of discarded flip-flops, in front of a painted workshop wall at the Ocean Sole flip-flop recycling company in Nairobi, Kenya. The company is cleaning the East African country's beaches of used, washed-up flip-flops and now, the dirty pieces of rubber that were once cruising the Indian Ocean's currents are being turned into colourful handmade giraffes, elephants and other toy animals. About 45 workers in Nairobi make 100 different products from the discarded flip-flops. BEN CURTIS/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

$30-million effort

Feds create team to chase tax cheats

The Conservatives are beefing up the tools used to go after tax cheats in the hopes of recovering billions in lost revenue. A team of six to 10 bureaucrats will be assigned to work only on pinpointing tax evaders and their efforts will be backed by $30 million over the next five years for new technology and other tools required for the hunt.

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Obesity. Coca-Cola to make diet drinks more widely available around the world

Coca-Cola says it will make lower-calorie options and clear calorie labelling more widely available around the world, intensifying a push against critics who say its drinks pack on the pounds.

The Atlanta-based company, which makes Sprite, Fanta and Minute Maid, already offers diet drinks in most markets. But there's no consistency in their availability, particularly in emerging markets such as China and India.

Coca-Cola also said Wednesday that it would support programs that encourage physical activity and no longer market to kids younger than 12.

That policy is already in place for the U.S., but the company did not say in which countries it currently markets to children.

With sugary drinks often blamed for making people fat, Coca-Cola Co. has been more aggressive in trying to convince customers its products can be part of a healthy lifestyle. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Coca-Cola products sit on a table between CEO Muhtar Kent, right, and Georgia Gov. Nathan Deal during an event Wednesday at which the company said it will make lower-calorie drinks and clear nutrition information more widely available around the world. DAVID GOLDMAN/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Online security

Dutch gov't site under attack

The Dutch government said Wednesday its main website is being hacked, and also confirmed that a man suspected of participating in another major cyberattack on Swiss-British anti-spam watchdog group Spamhaus has been extradited from Spain to the Netherlands.

The suspect, Sven Kamphuis, was arrested in Barcelona last month and extradited Monday, Justice Ministry spokesman Paul van der Zanden said. Kamphuis is currently before a judge in Rotterdam as prosecutors seek to have his detention extended by 14 days, Van der Zanden said.

He said Kamphuis, 35, is likely to face charges for directing large amounts of data at Spamhaus in an attempt to derail its servers, and for breaking into other people's computers.

Van der Zanden could not confirm that there was any link between the Kamphuis case and the co-ordinated attack on the government's website.

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Small businesses cash in on reality-show stardom

There's no business like small business. Mix the high stakes of running a small business with a dash of family drama and throw in a camera crew and you get hit reality television shows such as Pawn Stars, Welcome to Sweetie Pie's and Duck Dynasty.

Turning small business owners into stars has become a winning formula for television producers, but some businesses featured in them are cashing in, too. Sales explode after just a few episodes air, transforming these nearly unknown small businesses into household names.

In addition to earning a salary from starring in the shows, some small business owners are benefiting financially from opening gift shops that sell souvenirs or getting involved in other ventures that spawn from their new-found fame.

Sales at Gold & Silver Pawn Shop in Las Vegas are five times higher than they were before Pawn Stars first aired in 2009. More people are pouring into the St. Louis restaurant featured in Welcome to Sweetie Pie's to eat its jumbo-sized fried chicken wings and six-cheese macaroni and cheese. And Duck Commander, seen in Duck Dynasty, is having trouble controlling the crowds in front of its headquarters in the small city of West Monroe, La.

Willie Robertson, star of the Duck Dynasty TV series. A&E/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

"Sometimes it's hard getting from the truck to the front door," says Willie Robertson, who owns Duck Commander with his father and stars in the A&E series with his extended family.

It's a big change for a company that sells duck calls out of a part-brick, part-cinder block warehouse on a dry, dead-end country road. Duck hunters use the whistles, which mimic duck sounds, to attract their prey.

Since Duck Dynasty began airing in March 2012, Robertson finds at least 70 people waiting in front of the warehouse every morning asking for autographs and photos.

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Duck Dynasty

- Duck Dynasty is the most watched documentary-style reality series on TV right now, according to Nielsen. April's one-hour season three finale was watched by 9.6 million people, making it the most watched program in A&E's 29-year history.

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A DASH OF OPTIMISM FOR PARENTS

HE SAYS

John Mazerolle
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I don't know any bad parents.

I just realized this recently and it came as a total shock, similar to when I suddenly grasped, in a moment of clarity, that Murdock on The A-Team is Barclay on Star Trek: The Next Generation.

I know of bad parents, sure. I hear stories about friends of friends who approached parenting the same way some people approach marriage, as a chore they felt obliged to do, like dishes.

And the media is full of stories about parents who are too strict or too lax. Parents who ride their kids for good grades, or who could ride their kids to safety if necessary because their children are so fat.

Maybe the fact that the criticisms are all over the map should have tipped me off that bad parents are the outliers, not the trend.

My brother and sister-in-law have six kids (it's a church thing), each more well behaved and well adjusted than the last. The sort of kids that cause elderly people at restaurants to warily ask, "What's the secret?" as if my brother is raising aliens, or The Stepford Children.

I'm good friends with a nine-year-old named Dash, who is perhaps the best kid I know. Besides playing hockey and tennis as well as I do, he also plays instruments including piano and the mandolin better than I do (that is to say, he plays them at all). Recently we were hanging out and I asked him if he'd seen any good movies lately.

"Life of Pi was excellent," he said.

I blinked.

"Did you read the book?"

"Not yet," he said.

Then he lit up a cigar and we discussed stock options.

I made that last sentence up, but you get my point. And I can think of at least a half-dozen kids that, if not quite so erudite as Dash, seem as bright and balanced as any adults I know — probably more so.

My little slice of life is hardly a scientific sample, but I suspect all the hand-wringing over the state of parenting is similar to worrying about "today's youth." People are convinced each is getting worse every generation, when things are largely the same as previous generations and in some ways better.

We like the idea that there was a Golden Age of parenting and that things would be better if we could just get back to it somehow. They never show the scene on Father Knows Best where he lashes his son with a belt for getting home late, or tells his daughters that homosexuality is an abomination before God. Or if they do, it's only on the DVD extras.

I hope to raise a child some day, though before I get to the Miracle of Life I have to get to the Miracle of Having a Steady Girlfriend. When I finally get to deal with all the anxiety and exhaustion that comes with being a dad, it'll be nice to know I'll have some role models to live up to and lean on.

And if all the great parents I'm friends with can't help, maybe Dash can. He knows best.

ZOOM

My way is the high way

HAP/QUIRKY CHINA NEWS/REX FEATURES

And you thought your commute was bad

Few journeys to school are enjoyable, but what the kids of south China's Zhangjiawan village put up with is terrifying. Students must scale a 60-metre cliff using unsecured wooden ladders, or, endure the alternative, which is a five-hour hike.

The local government has now promised to build concrete steps, which should make the trip a little easier.

The village is located on a remote mountain called The Gate of Heaven in China's Hunan province. The nearest town is 35 kilometres away, and to get there, residents have to endure 90 degree cliffs, seen here. METRO

Worse than two feet of snow

"For generations, the villagers used this path to go into town to go to school. But now, some of the richer families rent an apartment in town so their child can go to school."

Resident Yang Junxiang

Heigh-ho, heigh-ho

90

The population of Zhangjiawan has quickly declined below 100 from a previous level of 400. The village had originally been created hundreds of years ago as an escape from bandits, but the appeal of isolation seems to have diminished. The village is so self-sufficient that very few outsiders need to enter. The residents are able to generate income using the area's natural resources by way of bee keeping, hunting and growing leaves used for sticky dumplings.

Other scary commutes

- **Yungas Road (Bolivia).** Around 300 travellers are killed each year on this road leading from La Paz to the Amazon.
- **Lowari Pass (Pakistan).** A busy trucking route 3,000 metres up that is vulnerable to avalanches and storms.
- **Batllava Lake (Kosovo).** Kids cross an ice lake to get to school.
- **Hussaini Bridge (Pakistan).** The Hussaini village is located on both sides of the Hunza River, and to get to the other side, villagers use a bridge made from wooden planks held together by twine. Floodwaters submerged it in 2010, but it has since been rebuilt.

Click bait

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With news this week that Adobe will switch to a new, subscription-based payment plan, Photoshop users may be rethinking their Adobe allegiance. If the move has you thinking about editing your photo software, you might want to shop around and test out some of these free photo-editing sites.

Gimp

User-friendly and surprisingly full featured, Gimp is the go-to Photoshop alternative. Besides being reliable for your photo fixes, it has the added bonus of running on Linux.

IrfanView

Simple and intuitive, Irfan is great for light edits, photo viewing and adding simple effects.

PicMonkey

If 'cute' is a prerequisite for your editing software, PicMonkey's your site. Extremely easy to use, it lets you do basic fixes and one-click touch ups (and gives you the option to upgrade for more ways to 'cuten' up your selfies).

Paint.Net

Despite the name, which sounds like a program that belongs on a Commodore 64, Paint offers advanced features without being overly complicated.

Comments

RE: Stag And Doe? Don't Ask Me To Pay For Your Wedding, published May 7

I'm kind of guessing that you've never attended a proper Manitoba social. They're so ingrained into the culture of our province that usually one of the first questions asked of a newly engaged couple is, "When's your social?"

A big chunk of the costs for the social are usually put up by the couple themselves — the hall, the food, the booze — and they're the front runners on organizing social prizes and donations. What gets charged for beverages is nowhere near what you'd have to be paying at a bar. The only way you'd get cheaper booze is buying it yourself and drinking it in your backyard. Socials are also a great way to celebrate with people that you may not be inviting to your wedding. Some co-workers, acquaintances, family friends — people that you're friendly with but you don't know well enough to invite to the ceremony and reception.

Socials are crazy fun. You heckle the couple when they're pulling tickets for the prizes. You buy them drinks. Everyone (who's left) bounces around like a fool at the end of the night to Spirit of the West's Home for a Rest.

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Les McKeown's Legendary Bay City Rollers will perform at the Odeon Events Centre on Saturday, May 11. SUPPLIED

What becomes of a teen idol?

Les McKeown. Lead singer of the Bay City Rollers has overcome band breakup, addiction, and is ready to sing on S-A-T-U-R-D-A-Y Night

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Not that he seems to be seeking anyone's advice, but if Justin Bieber were looking for words of wisdom on how to deal with pop music superstardom, there are few people on the planet as qualified to offer them as Les McKeown.

Before Bieber, even before New Kids on the Block, there was the Bay City Rollers, and McKeown was the man, or boy, at the centre of the storm.

"It was a crazy time, a roller coaster ride," McKeown said in a phone interview from his home in England.

The band formed in Edinburgh in 1966, but didn't hit the big time until 1973 when McKeown joined as lead singer at the age of 18. International stardom soon followed with the release of hit singles like Saturday Night, Money Honey, Remember and Bye Bye Baby.

"We went from playing in small clubs to almost overnight having to put barriers in front of the stage because the girls were trying to grab us and we had to have security get us in and out of the venues."

As is often the case with teen idols, Rollermania was a relatively short-lived phenomenon. Members of the band's classic lineup began to go their own ways with McKeown embarking on a solo career in 1978.

"We all wanted to do different things and I disagreed with the direction we were heading," McKeown said. "They changed the name of the band and brought in a new singer but none of us had the same success as when we were working together."

The positive vibes of the 1970's gave way to some dark times for McKeown in the years since. He has battled his former bandmates and record label as well as drug and alcohol abuse.

But in recent years things have turned around, thanks in part to the songs that first made him famous. He formed a new band, Les McKeown's Legendary Bay City Rollers, of which he is the only original member, and has spent the past few years touring regularly.

"I got my fire back in 2009, since then I've been on a mission. I want to go around the world a few more times."

While the venues may have gotten smaller, he'll play at the Odeon in Saskatoon appropriately enough on S-A-T-U-R-D-A-Y Night, he says the crowds are no less enthusiastic.

"I treat every show like it's the first time I've played those songs, because for many people it's the first time they're hearing them live and I want to give them the best show possible."

Court battle

Since 2007, the original members of the Bay City Rollers have been involved in a protracted legal battle among themselves and with their record label Arista over what they claim is millions of dollars in unpaid royalties. Les McKeown says the matter should be resolved this year. "We'll either have an agreed settlement or there will be a trial. None of us (in the band) will be involved; it will be lawyers arguing over percentages and points. The result will be good and it will be nice to have it over."

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Humble Edgerton finds his inner cad

The Great Gatsby. Director Baz Luhrmann gave actor used to good-guy parts the confidence to take on bad-boy Buchanan role

MATTHEW PRIGGE
Metro World News in New York

Joel Edgerton is in his underwear. His schedule is so packed he has to do one of his interviews while being fitted for a tuxedo, which he will wear to the Cannes screening of his new film, Baz Luhrmann's pricey 3D version of The Great Gatsby.

"One day he's going to see me without my pants on in a movie, if he hasn't already," Edgerton cracks. So while the Aussie actor — best known for his roles in Animal Kingdom, Warrior, and Zero Dark Thirty — is in various states of undress, we get to talking about his performance as Tom Buchanan, the most hissable richie of F. Scott Fitzgerald's tome.

You just saw the movie last night. What was that experience like?
It's hard to tell whether you like a movie when you see it for the first time, just because you're in it. You're judging your own performance most of the time. Or I do, anyway. Like, "Oh f—, he used that piece instead of the other piece." Or I think I did something too big or too small. It's all negative. It was great for a movie like Animal Kingdom, because once my character is killed (very early in the movie), then I could just enjoy the rest of the film. Like, "Thank God I was shot." My brother was in Zero Dark Thirty as well. We both came out with the same experience, saying, "That movie was awesome until we arrived."

Baz Luhrmann has a strong visual style. How is he with actors?
Baz makes you feel valued in the process. If he wanted to change anything on a given day, he'd go to each of our trailers for one-on-one meetings. Few other directors would do that. I'm sure it wasted a bit of time in the morning. Actors love working with him, and they told me Baz will make you look great. He'll make sure you come off well visually.

Australian Joel Edgerton, left, plays the racist, selfish philanderer Tom Buchanan. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

When you were first pitched a version of Gatsby with 3D and Baz's time warp style, what were your thoughts?
I didn't imagine words popping out of the screen and the rapid editing style. But I've seen his other movies. I didn't know why I expected anything more subdued. But so many things are being made in 3D, and the idea of a drama in 3D is really cool. And Baz is constantly drawing from the themes of tragic love, so for both his visual style and his thematic leanings, he's the perfect guy to make this story.

You play a lot of nice guys.

What was it like playing a cad like Tom?
I never thought I could be Tom Buchanan. When I was younger I thought I could do anything. I thought I could play a girl. Young actors are pretty stubborn about casting. Then when I got behind the camera to make our own movies and we went through casting processes, I realized not everyone can do what we needed. And I chilled on the idea of people who wouldn't cast me in certain roles. Baz put the fire back under me. I shouldn't have been Tom Buchanan. I'm not that guy. But his excitement in seeing that side of me got me to do it.

How do you play a character who's so often indefensible?
Tom is a pig. He's very arrogant and racist and selfish and misogynist and a philanderer. He's kind of honest about it as well. Tom was one of the first football players at Yale, and Yale football players were the first sports heroes for American kids. Everyone would have known about him. Now he's retired, he's got all the money in the world. I just imagined Tom was really bored, and unhappy. And then when Gatsby comes in and tries to take his wife away, it brings the sport back into his life. He may not love Daisy, and he'd rather just go around and have affairs. But if another man comes in to take your possessions, he's gonna fight. He's not used to losing.

Hip Hop may be in need of a big checkup

Healthy change. The early live-fast, die-young image of the genre is waning as its stars of old smarten up and speak out

The culture that in the 1990s lost its brightest stars to gun violence has in recent years seen a series of notable rappers die of drug and health-related causes. Since 2011, hip-pop pioneer Heavy D, singer and rap chorus specialist Nate Dogg and New York rapper Tim Dog all died of ailments in their 40s. Kriss Kross rapper Chris Kelly was found dead last week in Atlanta of a suspected drug overdose at 34.

Some of the genre's elder statesmen say they're worried about the culture's focus on youth, current emphasis on freewheeling partying and "you only live once" ethos, as popularized by Drake's hit The Motto.

"Hip-hop being a lifestyle culture ... a part of American culture, you have to be mindful that somebody is going to grow old, age," said rap pioneer Melle Mel. "At some point somebody has to realize that hip-hop has to learn how to grow up. It's way too juvenile and it's been that way for too long."

The 51-year-old rapper, who memorably warned in 1982's The Message about urban youth who "lived so fast and died so young," said he suffers chronic bronchitis from being around marijuana and cigarette smoke when he was performing. Of course, heavy drug use in hip-hop or rock is hardly new: Cowboy of his Furious Five group died in 1989 "basically from getting high," Melle Mel said.

"It's not really worth it to literally party yourself to death. It's like committing suicide," he added. "You have to choose between what makes you feel good and what makes you think you feel good."

Other influential rappers who've died in their 30s in the last decade include Southern rap pioneer Pimp C and Wu-Tang Clan's Ol Dirty Bastard, both from drug overdoses.

Lifestyle isn't to blame for all fatal health problems in hip-hop. Smooth-voiced Midwesterner MC Breed died of kidney failure in 2008 at age 37. Soulful producer J Dilla died in 2006 at age 32 of complications from lupus. Cancer killed rappers Guru in 2010 at 48 and Adam Yauch of the Beastie Boys last year at 47. One of the genre's top stars, Lil Wayne, has inadvertently focused attention on the issue. After he was hospitalized for multiple seizures, the 30-year-old rapper told a Los Angeles radio station in March that he's an epileptic.

Though he's still a heavy marijuana smoker, Snoop Dogg said he stopped drinking alcohol at clubs six years ago after suspecting that a woman put the sedative Rohypnol — widely known as a "date-rape drug" — in one of his drinks.

"I used to drink alcohol as a fashion statement. If you in the club, they bringing you bottles and you're just drinking. I don't do that anymore. I drink water or cranberry juice," he said. "I'm not cheap. I just want to survive." Snoop, 41, said his focus on health comes from his desire to remain competitive and relevant to a genre that's largely focused on youth.

Death by hip hop

"It's not really worth it to literally party yourself to death. It's like committing suicide."
Rapper Melle Mel

Chris Kelly of Kris Kross died recently of a suspected drug overdose. ASSOCIATED PRESS

"Because when we perform, we don't have as much energy," he said. "So now we've got to get up and work out, do push-ups or jumping jacks, or whatever we've got to do to keep ourselves looking good and feeling good. Because one thing about an old man — he don't ever want to feel like he old."

For producer and rapper RZA, hip-hop's emphasis on youth stems from an urban culture that since the '80s has had trouble planning for the future.

"They said we should be dead or in jail by the age of 25. And I think we live like that," the 43-year-old Wu-Tang Clan founder said. "But what happens when you make it past 25? What happens when you make it to 40? Are you prepared for life now?"

"Think of the great artists like Biggie Smalls and Tupac, who made some of the greatest hip-hop music of all time. But they didn't make it past 25," he said. "They didn't even become a man. ODB was just becoming a man. What I want to tell the hip-hop generation out there is that there's a chance you're going to become a man. Be prepared." THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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The Great Gatsby not so great, critics say. ALL PHOTOS GETTY IMAGES

'Overwrought, asinine, exaggerated and boring': Ouch!

The reviews are trickling in for one of the most buzzed about movies of the year and they are far from "Great." Alas, it doesn't seem like reviewers are keen on Baz Luhrmann's The Great Gatsby, which opens this Friday.

One said it's as "boring as sitting through 8th period English" and another went as far as calling it "overwrought, asinine, exaggerated and boring ... about as romantic as a pet rock."

Even The New Yorker didn't let it down easy, saying that Luhrmann is "less a filmmaker than a music video director with endless resources and a stunning absence of taste."

Who cares? It's in 3D, has a soundtrack produced by Jay-Z and it looks like glitter threw up all over it! Give it to me now!

The Word

Britney back with bitching bod (again)

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It looks like Britney Spears is heading to Las Vegas for a residency this fall, a la Celine Dion. And she talked to Shape about how she's gearing up for it.

"I'm doing 90 minutes of yoga twice a week in addition to a lot of cardio — hour-long sessions three times a week with my trainer, Tony Martinez," she tells Shape. "The [Vegas] performances won't be simple — they'll be a massive party from start to finish. And to pull this off, I have to be in top condition and running at full speed." (Translation: No more Cheetos.)

She also is apparently paid by Nutrisystem to shill their diet system in interviews. She tells Shape that she's on the program (that's the shake for breakfast and lunch and a "sensible" dinner for those of you keeping track at home).

I think what is remarkable about this cover isn't her toned body — or the amazing Photoshop job from the art director — but that she still rocks a belly button ring. And a very glittery one at that. What is this, 1996?

The MDNA tour made $305 million for Madge.

She's still got it

Madonna will be honoured as 2012's top touring artist at the Billboard Music Awards. The 54-year-old's MDNA tour roped in $305 million at her 88 sold-out shows, with 2.2 million people attending.

Prince, Taylor Swift and Lil Wayne are set to perform at the May 19th ceremony with Nicki Minaj, Bruno Mars, Miguel, Justin Bieber, Pitbull, Christina Aguilera, Selena Gomez, Macklemore & Ryan Lewis, Chris Brown, Ed Sheeran, Akon, Ne-Yo, and David Guetta in attendance.

So, yeah, $305 million. We can cut out all of the "old" jokes we throw her way.

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The most stylish movies of all time

Not since Carrie Bradshaw hauled her collection of Manolos onto the big screen has a film's wardrobe received as much hype as Daisy Buchanan's Prada-designed dresses and Jay Gatsby's Brooks Brothers suits have. So as The Great Gatsby finally hits theatres, we're revisiting our favourite fashion movies of all time — because the runways might give birth to the trends, but it's the movies that determine which ones will become iconic.

SARA CARLSSON
Metro World News

Grey Gardens

Grey Gardens is not so much a documentary about two recluses related to Jackie O as a 100-minute trend machine. Little Edie's head scarves, Big Edie's sorbet coloured house coats, the long furs, the wacky layering, the wild print-mixing: it's all in style right now. And these women — not Anna Wintour — created the look.

La Dolce Vita

The godmother of fashion cinema, Federico Fellini claimed that his inspiration for the film came from a Balenciaga dress.

Sex and the City

Inarguably the biggest of fashion films, it was as influential as the TV show, reinforcing our love of Manolo Blahnik and turning Vivienne Westwood into the new Vera Wang.

Rear Window

It's hard to overstate Alfred Hitchcock's influence on fashion. Alexander McQueen once famously built a collection around his movies. And you see hints of Grace Kelly's Edith Head-designed costumes in the earlier seasons of Mad Men. In Rear Window, Grace Kelly only wears five outfits, each one memorable and relentlessly copied.

Funny Face

"Take the picture!" Hubert de Givenchy and Audrey Hepburn sealed their relationship as one of the movie world's greatest duos with a single scene: Audrey running down a staircase in the Louvre, her red sash floating above her, mimicking Winged Victory. Givenchy created costumes for four of Hepburn's movies, all of which we were tempted to put on this list.

Mahogany

"I'm a winner baby!" This movie was an opportunity for Diana Ross to be her fabulous self, in one fabulous outfit after another. Our favourite is the suitably glitzy Cleopatra look above.

Bonnie and Clyde

Faye Dunaway's mid-length skirt suits, knit tops, berets and silk scarves are iconic, making this the second most referenced movie in fashion history.

Breakfast at Tiffany's

Coco Chanel is credited with creating the Little Black Dress, but Audrey Hepburn popularized it. The satin Givenchy sheath she wore as Holly Golightly was undisputedly the most famous LBD of all time.

The Royal Tenenbaums

Wes Anderson has a clear and unique style that reveals itself in everything, from his choice in typeface to his set design. The wardrobe is just an extension of this and yet it takes on a life of its own. Think Steve Zissou's red beanie or, more memorably, Margo Tenenbaum's Grey Gardens-y fur.

The Kit

Canadian street style

Spotted in: Toronto

Laura
Nurse
Age: 26

What she's wearing
Urban Renewal jacket, Guess jeans, Aerie shirt, Bookhou purse, earrings from Aldo and Sperry shoes.

Her inspiration
"I like anything that is comfortable, fitted and slimming. I love Jennifer Aniston's style. She wears very simple and classic pieces and looks fantastic."

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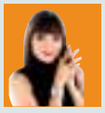

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Trends Report

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Go beyond just kicking the tires

Purchase process. You can never do too much when hunting for your perfect vehicle

JIL MCINTOSH
Wheels/Drive

When comparing vehicles, check to make sure they really are similar. On some entry-level vehicles, the base price might not include air conditioning. ISTOCKPHOTO/THINKSTOCK

Despite how much they cost, vehicles are often impulse purchases. Many people visit showrooms just to kick tires, but fall for something they see. That can sometimes work out, but it's a better plan to research and find exactly the right car for your needs.

Ask friends and family for recommendations, including what they don't like about their vehicles. Don't think something is too minor to consider — that badly placed cupholder could be an issue on every commute.

The Internet is a great resource for car shopping. Manufacturers' websites (make sure you are on the Canadian versions) will contain specifications about each vehicle, along with photos, lists of standard features and options, and pricing.

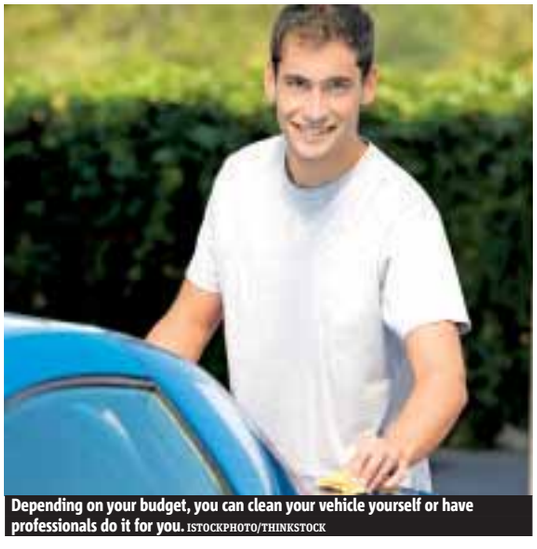
When comparing vehicles, check to make sure they really are similar. On some entry-level vehicles, the base price might not include air conditioning. If it can be added, it might make the car more expensive than a competitor with standard air conditioning.

Reviews can help narrow your list of cars to test drive. Some are launches, where writers drive new vehicles for a few hours for initial impressions. Temper these with regular reviews, where the writer drives it daily for a week or more for a more rounded assessment.

Now that you have a few models in mind, it's time to test drive. Surprisingly, many people take a car out for just a quick trip around the block. You are going to be living with this vehicle for many years, so spend at least an hour or more, including time on the highway.

The car should drive smoothly on city streets and have enough passing power on the highway. Try parking it a few times to see how easily it manoeuvres. Make sure you are comfortable and that you can reach everything. Something that bugs you on the test drive won't get better with time.

Research other factors, too. Check with your insurance company to see what you are going to pay for coverage. If you are tempted by flashy 19- or 20-inch wheels, find out what replacement tires cost. And if it comes down to choosing between models from different companies, how convenient is the dealership to home or work when you need servicing?



Depending on your budget, you can clean your vehicle yourself or have professionals do it for you. ISTOCKPHOTO/THINKSTOCK

Car care. Protect your investment

HENRY STANCU
Wheels/Drive

That new car look lasts about as long as the next mud puddle or major coffee spill, and then it's all downhill as the wear and tear of daily use takes its toll on your new set of wheels.

However, there is a wide array of products and services geared to keeping your cherished buggy sparkling long after it has left the dealership.

Depending on your budget, you can do it yourself or have professionals do it for you.

The question you need to ask yourself is: Do you want to protect your investment and ensure its good resale value down the road?

"Nothing lasts forever," says Lawrence Bailey, owner of New Image Car Spa, an auto detailing shop that has been in business in the Yonge and Eglinton area for 19 years. "But if you have a good car and you keep it in nice shape, it will look better longer and, when the time comes to sell, it will be worth more."

Inside and out detailing packages range from $125 to $375 at New Image, which recommends getting the work done every six months.

For most people, the cost of professional detailing and paint protection is too high.

This is where the do-it-yourselfers thrive, buying hundreds of car cleaning products for everything from the dashboard to wheel rims.

Experts say your new car should be washed once a week if it's parked outside and once a month if kept in a garage. A lot also depends on how often it's driven and exposed to the elements, ranging from nature to road salt.

It's always wise to wash and wax you car in the shade because if it's too hot, the detergent will quickly dry in spots causing stains and the wax will bake on the surface. Use soap specifically designed for auto surfaces, rather than household cleaners, which may damage the finish.

Whether you use a garden hose or rinse with water from a bucket, it is always wise to do so gently, applying as little pressure as possible. And always start from the top of the vehicle, so the dirty water flows downward.

Before starting on the exterior it's a good idea to clean the interior first, because you don't want the inner dirt to mar the shiny clean exterior.

Vacuum the rugs, seats and all the nooks and crannies, and shake or wash the floor mats outside the car.

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Art deco style all the rage

Earlier this year I predicted that the style of art deco would make a resurgence in home decorating. The look of art deco was invented in the early part of the 20th century, and incorporated modern lines, masculinity and luxurious finishes like polished dark wood, brushed gold metal tones and hits of black for opulence. As both traditional and modern, the look of deco helps to bridge something old with its clean, modern lines. This month The Great Gatsby movie is being released; a show stopper filmed in the art deco period with incredible fashions and home decor. I though it would be suitable to feature a few home decor items that will help get the deco look in your own home.

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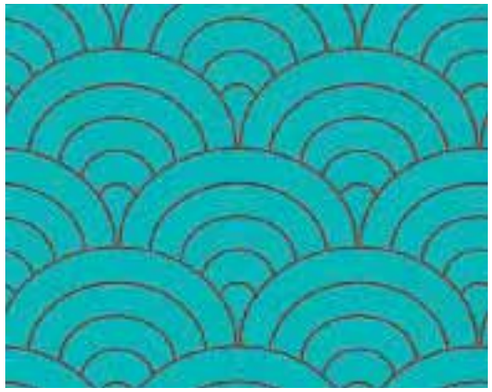
Memoirs Lavatory Faucet

Graphic and masculine taps add strong design lines to a lavatory. Want a truly authentic deco bathroom? Try adding a black toilet and sink to the room. $630, kohler.ca

Shand Kydd Peacock Modern Spiral Wallpaper

Simple gold fans on turquoise adds a deco feel to the walls. Perfect for adding drama to a small foyer entrance or on the back wall behind a bed. $76/double roll, sears.ca



Biblioteca Bookcase

The dark walnut stained shelving makes this bookcase a great display piece or bookshelf. It fits into any space and is a personal design favourite as a see-through room divider. $700, urbanbarn.com

Starburst Mirror

Gold and shine reflect the opulent lifestyles of the decor period. Hang one in the dining room and forgo the fancy chandelier. $250, crateandbarrel.com

Stockholm Flatwoven wool carpet

Bring this season's biggest colour combo of grey and black to the floor; layer an animal hide rug on top for a completely glamourous look. Stockholm Flatwoven wool carpet, $350, ikea.ca

Ells Swivel Chair

The quintessential curved arm club chair is all deco in black leather; and this one swivels, making it perfect for reading or watching your favourite movie. $2,000, elte.com

Using every nook and cranny in micro houses

Studio37. A creative layout is necessary when building these 400-square-foot units

For an architect who thrives on the challenge of constraints, little compares to the test of designing a home with a 37-square-metre footprint, but that is exactly what Dan Boot did.

"When I have a constraint around the location where the house is supposed to go it really kind of gets my creative juices flowing," said Boot, president of Victoria's Small Modern Living. "I like to work to maximize the space, so I take advantage of every little nook and cranny."

Small Modern Living designed the 37-square-metre (400-square-foot) unit known as Studio37 as a prototype of a house that could be lowered into place by crane if need be.

Units like those being created by Boot's company are part of a larger movement within architecture and design to create small and even tiny homes which increase urban density and provide solutions to municipalities struggling with affordable housing shortages.

In addition to the creation of the Studio37 prototype, Small Modern Living has been working with Victoria residents who are interested in building self-contained garden suites in their backyards that can be used for student rental or in-law flats.

"The genesis of Small Modern Living came out of a response to densification and also the City of Victoria has a policy for garden suites, which kind of runs in parallel to laneway housing that they have in Vancouver, which has been very successful," said Boot.

While Studio37 was designed to be built either in a factory or on site, Boot said most of their homes are site specific due to technicalities that arise around issues like property setbacks.

Then architects and designers have to get creative in determining the layout and furnishings of the spaces. Many decisions depend on whether the small home is being built as a primary residence or secondary unit.

"In the bedroom of Studio37 we incorporated a Murphy bed," said Boot. "When it is folded down it is a bed, but when it is in the upward position there is a hinged partition that folds down and forms a work station." Another space-saving feature of Studio37 is the use of pocket doors for the interior instead of traditional hinged doors.

The 18 West Hastings project, which was built in the historic Burns Block building, is the first of its kind in Vancouver. The development incorporated 21-square-metre (226-square-foot) microlofts. Bruce Carscadden, an architect who worked on the project, said one of the most important factors in designing a livable unit that is only 21 square metres was providing natural light. Because the building has a flatiron shape, the rental units have windows on all sides.

"The uptake of these units was quite quick," said Carscadden. "The quality of the fit and finish of all the units was done really nicely, first class with modern esthetics and materials.

"I think that affordability and the quality of that space, in addition to living in the city where your living room is Gastown, where all of the cool and trendy things are going on, was particularly compelling to the young people who rented those spaces."

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Dan Boot, designer and developer for Small Modern Living Inc., stands outside a 400-square-foot home in Victoria, B.C. CHAD HIPOLITO/THE CANADIAN PRESS

Inside the bedroom of a Small Modern Living Inc. 400 sq. ft. home. CHAD HIPOLITO/THE CANADIAN PRESS

Inside the wheelchair-accessible bathroom. CHAD HIPOLITO/THE CANADIAN PRESS

Dan Boot looks out from inside a 400 sq. ft. home in Victoria, B.C. The modern-looking home can fit into most backyards for under $100,000 and offers features such as granite counter tops, glass tiles, engineered wood flooring, high efficiency washer and dryer, a living room area, kitchen, bathroom and wall bed. CHAD HIPOLITO/THE CANADIAN PRESS

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These burgers are extremely moist and flavourful due to the hoisin sauce.

Instead of beef, use ground chicken, veal or pork, or try a combination. Serve these on miniature hamburger buns and add some sautéed onions.

If you prefer, make four or five regular burgers instead of the minis.

Miniature Hoisin Garlic Burgers

This recipe serves five. Two mini burgers are 264 calories and contain 7 grams of fat. BRIAN MACDONALD, FROM ROSE REISMAN'S COMPLETE LIGHT KITCHEN (WHITECAP BOOKS)

Ingredients

- 1 lb extra-lean ground beef
- 1/4 cup dry bread crumbs
- 1/4 cup chopped green onion
- 3 tbsp chopped cilantro or parsley
- 4 tbsp hoisin sauce
- 2 tsp minced fresh garlic
- 1 tsp minced fresh ginger
- 1 egg
- 2 tbsp water
- 1 tsp sesame oil

1. Heat the barbecue to high and spray with cooking oil, or preheat the oven to 450 F.

2. Combine the beef, bread crumbs, green onion, cilantro or parsley, 2 tablespoons of the hoisin sauce, garlic, ginger and egg in a bowl. Mix thoroughly and form into 10 mini burgers.

3. Whisk the water, remaining 2 tablespoons hoisin sauce and sesame oil together in a small bowl.

4. Brush half of the sauce over the burgers.

5. Barbecue, or place on a rack on a baking sheet and bake for 10 to 15 minutes (until no longer pink in the center). Turn the patties once, halfway through, and brush with the remaining sauce. Serve on mini hamburger buns, if desired, and garnish with sautéed onions.

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Making salty soup edible

Can salty soup be saved? The answer is yes. How easily? That depends. Start with the easiest, quickest fix and advance to more time-consuming methods if needed.

Secret's in the grill to fabulous flank steak with pearl onions

1. In skillet combine water, vinegar, honey, tomato paste, and bay leaf. Add onions and bring to a simmer over medium-low heat. Cover and simmer 10 minutes, stirring occasionally. Uncover skillet and increase heat to high. Boil until liquid starts to thicken and is reduced to 4 to 5 tablespoons, about 5 minutes. Remove from heat and stir in 11/2 teaspoons of the thyme, 1 teaspoon of the salt, and 1/2 teaspoon of the pepper. Sauce will continue to thicken as it cools. If necessary, add water, 1 tablespoon at a time, to thin the mixture.

2. Combine remaining 2 teaspoons thyme, 1 teaspoon salt, and 1/2 teaspoon pepper. Brush steak on both sides with oil and season evenly with spice mix, pressing spices into meat. Allow to stand at room temperature 30 minutes before grilling.

3. Prepare grill for direct cooking over medium heat (350 to 450 F). Grill the steak over direct medium heat, with the lid closed, until cooked to your desired doneness, 8 to 10 minutes for medium rare, turning once or twice. Remove from the grill and let rest for 3 to 5 minutes. Cut the steak across the grain into thin slices. Serve immediately with the onions and their sauce. Garnish with thyme, if using.

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Ingredients

- 3/4 cup water
- 1/2 cup balsamic vinegar
- 2 tbsp honey
- 11/2 tsp tomato paste
- 1 large bay leaf
- 1 package (14 oz) frozen pearl onions, thawed
- 3 1/2 tsp finely chopped fresh thyme leaves, divided
- 2 tsp kosher salt, divided
- 1 tsp freshly ground black pepper, divided
- 1 flank steak, about 1 1/2 lbs and 3/4 inch thick
- 1 tbsp extra-virgin olive oil
- fresh thyme sprigs (optional)

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Starter. Prosciutto-Wrapped Pineapple

1. Prepare grill for direct cooking over high heat (450 to 550 F).

2. In blender combine paste ingredients. Process until a chunky paste forms, scraping down the sides of the bowl at least once.

3. Coat each pineapple spear with about 1 teaspoon of the paste, and then wrap each spear with two prosciutto slices. Grill the spears over direct high heat, with the lid closed, until the prosciutto is crisp on all sides, 8 to 10 minutes, turning occasionally. Serve.

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Ingredients

Paste

- 1/4 cup thinly sliced scallions (white and light green parts)
- 1 jalapeño chili pepper, roughly chopped
- 1 tbsp peanut oil
- 1 tbsp peeled, minced fresh ginger
- 1 tbsp packed dark brown sugar
- 1/2 each tsp dried thyme, ground allspice, ground cinnamon, kosher salt
- 1 large pineapple, peeled, cored, and cut into 16 spears, each about 1 by 5 inches
- 32 thin slices prosciutto, about 1 lb total

Penguins-Islanders

Fleury gets hook for pivotal Game 5

Pittsburgh Penguins coach Dan Bylsma insists he still believes in Marc-Andre Fleury, that the issues for the reeling Penguins go far beyond the struggles of their goaltender.

Still, that didn't stop Bylsma from making a switch he hopes will shift momentum in Pittsburgh's slightly bewildering first-round playoff series with the New York Islanders, tied 2-2.

Tomas Vokoun will get the start in net for the Penguins in Game 5 on Thursday after three straight shaky performances by Fleury.

"We brought Tomas Vokoun in to play big games for us," Bylsma said. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Marc-Andre Fleury let in six goals on 24 shots on Tuesday. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Canucks snuffed out

"It's frustrating. This seems like a lost year."

Vancouver goalie Cory Schneider after the Canucks were swept out of the playoffs with a 4-3 overtime loss on Tuesday night in San Jose. Major changes loom after the Canucks, who came within a game of winning the Stanley Cup in 2010-11, bowed out early for the second consecutive spring. It was the Sharks' first-ever series sweep.

Leafs' best effort thwarted by Bruins

NHL playoffs. Krejci completes hat trick in overtime as Boston takes stranglehold of series

Leafs goalie James Reimer and captain Dion Phaneuf fall to stop a shot by Bruins centre David Krejci on Wednesday night at Air Canada Centre. Krejci scored a hat trick, including the overtime winner, as Boston took a 3-1 lead in the first-round series with a 4-3 win. FRANK GUNN/THE CANADIAN PRESS

David Krejci scored his third goal of the night at 13:06 of overtime Wednesday to give the Boston Bruins a 4-3 win over the Toronto Maple Leafs and a commanding 3-1 lead in their playoff series.

Krejci beat James Reimer with a shot from the faceoff circle after coming down the left wing.

The Leafs now face a potentially decisive Game 5 on Friday in Boston, where history and the Bruins are against them.

The Bruins are 15-2 when leading a best-of-seven series 3-1. And Toronto is 2-12-1 in its last 15 games in Boston.

Goalies Tuukka Rask and Reimer were both busy in an end-to-end overtime, with Toronto's Matt Frattin hitting Rask's goalpost some six minutes in.

Joffrey Lupul, Cody Franson and Clarke MacArthur scored for Toronto.

Patrice Bergeron added a single for Boston, with captain Zdeno Chara collecting four assists.

Krejci now has five goals and five assists in the series, combining with linemates Milan Lucic (0-7) and Nathan Horton (3-3) for eight goals and 15 assists.

The Leafs used their speed to great effect and led 2-0 after the first period, only to see the Bruins fight back to take a 3-2 lead in the second before Toronto stopped the slide with a late goal of its own.

Tied 3-3, the game hung in the balance to open the third. It was a crucial period with the Leafs either pulling even in the series or going down 3-1.

Inside the Air Canada Centre, the chant of "Go Leafs Go" started before the anthems. Outside, blue-and-white fans came out early to party in the adjacent Maple Leaf Square.

Lupul gave them something to cheer about on the Leafs' first shot at 2:35. Lupul gave the puck to Phil Kessel who raced around the goal and then fed it back to Lupul, who had enough separation from the Boston defencemen to slap the puck past Rask for his third of the playoffs. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Game 4

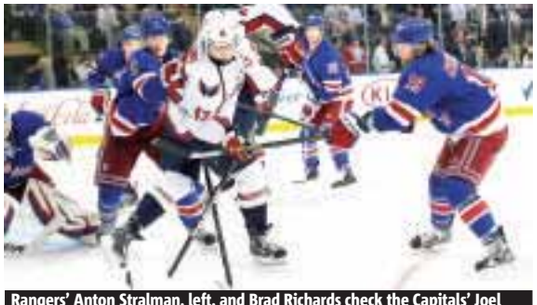
Bruins	Leafs
4	3

Laying it on the line

Game 4 was desperate high-stakes hockey with players putting their bodies on the line.

- Toronto defenceman Mark Fraser, who does not wear a visor, took a Milan Lucic shot to the face with 12 minutes remaining in regulation and headed to the dressing room, leaving a pool of blood on the ice.

Rangers rebound to get even with Caps



Rangers' Anton Stralman, left, and Brad Richards check the Capitals' Joel Ward on Wednesday in New York City. BRUCE BENNETT/GETTY IMAGES

Dan Girardi and Derek Stepan scored third-period goals for the New York Rangers, who squandered a two-goal lead and then held on to get even in the best-of-seven playoff series with a 4-3 victory over the Washington Capitals on Wednesday night.

Girardi ripped a shot from above the left circle, off a feed from Derick Brassard, to give the Rangers the lead again with a power-play goal 59 seconds into the third. The advantage was created by Jason Chimera's interference penalty at the end of the second.

Stepan made it 4-2 at 6:02, scoring into a wide-open net at the end of a give-and-go play in front with Carl Hagelin, who had a goal and two assists.

Game 5 will be back in Washington on Friday before the series returns to Madison Square Garden on Sunday. The home team has won all four games in the first-round Eastern Conference matchup.

Brad Richards and Hagelin staked the Rangers to a 2-0 lead, but goals by Mathieu Perreault and Troy Brouwer tied it for Washington in the second period. The Capitals closed within 4-3 on defenceman Karl Alzner's goal at 7:31 of the third.

Henrik Lundqvist, selected a Vezina Trophy finalist earlier Wednesday, made 27 saves. Braden Holtby stopped 30 shots for Washington. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

4 SPORTS

Heat show pedigree in Game 2 vs. Bulls

NBA playoffs.
After being stunned in Game 1, reigning champs re-establish dominance in Miami

Bulls centre Joakim Noah, far right, yells at LeBron James as the pair take technical fouls on Wednesday night in Miami. LYNNE SLADKY/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

So much for that notion of the Miami Heat being in trouble.

Sure, they've lost home-court advantage in these Eastern Conference semifinals. But an absolute domination of the Chicago Bulls on Wednesday night made the reigning NBA champions look like the clear-cut team to beat in this title race once again.

Ray Allen scored 21 points in only 19 minutes, LeBron James finished with 19 points and nine assists, and the Heat led by as many as 46 points on the way to a 115-78 victory on Wednesday night in Game 2 of their series, now knotted 1-1.

It was the largest margin of victory in Heat post-season history, topping a 35-point win over Orlando on April 24, 1997.

Joakim Noah and Taj Gibson were ejected in the fourth quarter for Chicago, and the league will almost certainly review some of the things said and done in a game that was close for the first 20 minutes before turning into an embarrassment for the Bulls and an embarrassment of riches for the Heat. The Bulls were called for six player technicals, the most by any team in a playoff game since Boston had that many against Indiana in 2005.

The Heat had three technicals assessed, a season-high for them.

Norris Cole scored 18 points for Miami, which got 15 from Dwyane Wade and 13 from Chris Bosh. The Heat led 42-38 with 3:42 left in the first half, before going on an absurd 62-20 run.

Yes, 62-20.

It was that one-sided. Miami shot 60 per cent to Chicago's 36, out-rebounded the Bulls 41-28, and enjoyed a huge 28-7 edge in points off turnovers.

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Game 2

Heat	Bulls
115	78

MLB

Doc given good news, bad news

For Roy Halladay, arthroscopic surgery on his troublesome throwing shoulder became the best-case scenario when he had prepared himself for the worst — a career-ending injury that would force his retirement when he's far from ready.

Halladay will undergo a procedure in his right shoulder to repair a partially torn rotator cuff and remove a bone spur. He also has some fraying of the labrum.

"I think we did all the right things," Halladay said. "Now I feel I have something to grasp onto, something to move forward with. I don't feel as lost as before. I feel like there's some answers."

On the 15-day disabled list since Monday because of inflammation in his throwing shoulder, Halladay said he expects to have surgery next week to give himself the best chance of returning this season.

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Soccer

Ferguson to retire at season's end

During more than a quarter of a century in charge of Manchester United, Alex Ferguson has always found the way to win — and win again.

Scrappy, abrasive and always up for a fight, Ferguson turned the club into a global power and established himself as the most successful manager in British football history.

And now, the 71-year-old Scotsman is going out on a high. On his own terms.

With his 13th Premier League title already secured, Ferguson announced Wednesday that he is retiring at the end of the season.

"The decision to retire is one that I have thought a great deal about and one that I have not taken lightly," the Scotsman said. "It is the right time."

Ferguson's trophy collection also includes two Champions League titles, five FA Cups and four League Cups.

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Horoscopes

Aries
March 21 - April 20
The only obstacles you will face today are ones you create for yourself — so don't create any. Whatever you are doing, just take your time. What's the rush? Slow down and smell the flowers along the way.

Taurus
April 21 - May 21
You know what you want, you know how to get it and no force on Earth is going to stop you. With that kind of determination you are sure to accomplish some remarkable things over the next few days.

Gemini
May 22 - June 21
Why can't you just accept that people are different and see things in different ways? The message of the stars today is that your time and energy are precious — don't waste them.

Cancer
June 22 - July 23
Someone seems to believe that you are weak and that you would rather give in than fight for your rights. It is essential that you set the record straight. Stand up to their bullying ways.

Leo
July 24 - Aug. 23
There could be an emotional scene today, but you cannot allow your feelings to overpower common sense. Someone has got to think logically and it looks like that someone is you.

Virgo
Aug. 24 - Sept. 23
You can spend your life worrying about things that may never happen. Or you can push your doubts to one side and devote your time and energy to having a good time.

Libra
Sept. 24 - Oct. 23
Cosmic activity in the wealth area of your chart means you would be wise to resist any urge to spend money for the sake of it. Aim to end the week with more cash in your pocket than when you started.

Scorpio
Oct. 24 - Nov. 22
Tomorrow's eclipse in Taurus, your opposite sign, marks the halfway point of your solar year. It's a good time to look back at the past six months. What have you accomplished? Where can you improve?

Sagittarius
Nov. 23 - Dec. 21
You need to face facts, both in your personal life and at work. Something you once had high hopes for is not working out the way you intended and you must change it or forget it.

Capricorn
Dec. 22 - Jan. 20
You may not want to push yourself to the front but from the look of your solar chart, you have little choice in the matter. Someone needs to take the lead and few people are more qualified than you.

Aquarius
Jan. 21 - Feb. 19
Someone is stirring up trouble just to see how you will react. You can resist the urge to rise to the bait or you can pretend to be really annoyed and give them hell. It could be lively.

Pisces
Feb. 20 - March 20
Every now and then the pressure builds up to such an extent that you need to find ways to let off steam. The trick is to do so in constructive ways. SALLY BROMPTON

Crossword: Canada Across and Down

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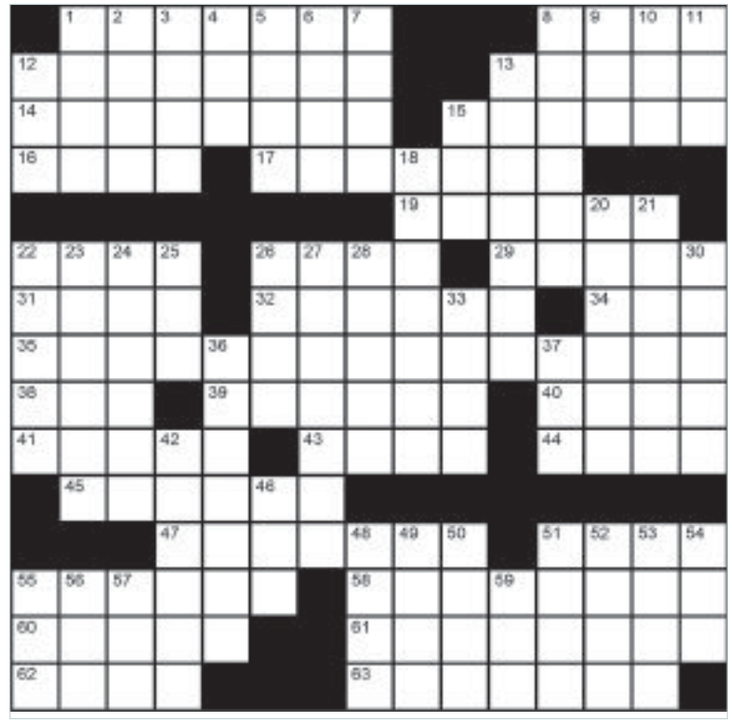
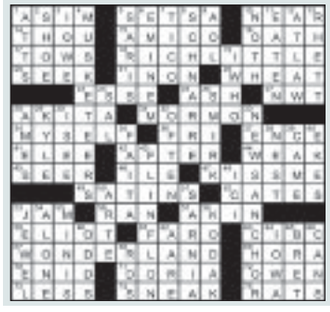


Across
1. May 9th to 12th, 1885: Battle of __ (North-West Rebellion conflict, fought in Saskatchewan)
8. Shipshape
12. Retro photo
13. Scorch
14. Anne Murray hit
15. 1985 Ron Howard directed flick
16. 'Clement' completers (Juicy fruits)
17. Stephen __ (Canadian author of Sunshine Sketches of a Little Town)
19. TV weatherman Al's surnamesakes
22. Hertz rival
26. "Old man look __ __ life..." - Neil Young
29. Make really happy
31. __ __ put into other words...
32. Scram: 2 wds.
34. Fido's doc
35. Yuk Yuk's performer: 2 wds.
38. Seafood, to some
39. Season the fries again
40. Wing ___ prayer
41. "Survivor" team
43. Cartoon fight sound effects
44. Actress Susan, and others
45. Deli selection
47. Imitate
51. Single-named supermodel
55. Attired, Caesar-style
58. Los Angeles, colloquially: 3 wds.
60. Swashbuckler's prop
61. Andrea Martin character, Edith __
62. Gambit
63. Chosen, in sports: 3 wds.

Down
1. German city
2. Hand cream ingredient
3. Some marbles
4. Globe
5. Spiral shape
6. "Spenser: For __" ('80s series)
7. Norse epic
8. Sudbury stuff
9. Antacid brand
10. "It's ___." (Greenlight giver's comment)
11. Perfect rating, spelled-out
12. Series Dan Aykroyd hosted, "__ Factor: Chronicles of the Paranormal"
13. __ salmon
15. Pigeon's patter
18. Farley Mowat book, Never __ __
20. Valley
21. Unwavering
22. Plus
23. Politician pickers
24. Roma's realm
25. "__ of the Mask"
26. Flu symptom
27. Gardener's purchase
28. Robert Mitchum/Jane Russell movie of 1952
30. Belonging to Sicily's volcano
33. Li'l quantities
36. Imagined
37. Common sitcom role
42. __-eyed
46. Spa mask ingredient
48. Purina rival
49. Mountain lake
50. Charles Lamb's pen name
51. Ms. Sommer
52. __ fide (In bad faith)
53. Memory: Prefix
54. 'Com' completer (Funny flick)
55. Tea party utens.
56. Bird of Minerva
57. Doubled word with Dolls (Rock band)
59. Play part

Yesterday's Crossword



Sudoku

How to play
Fill in the grid, so that every row, every column and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1-9. There is no math involved.

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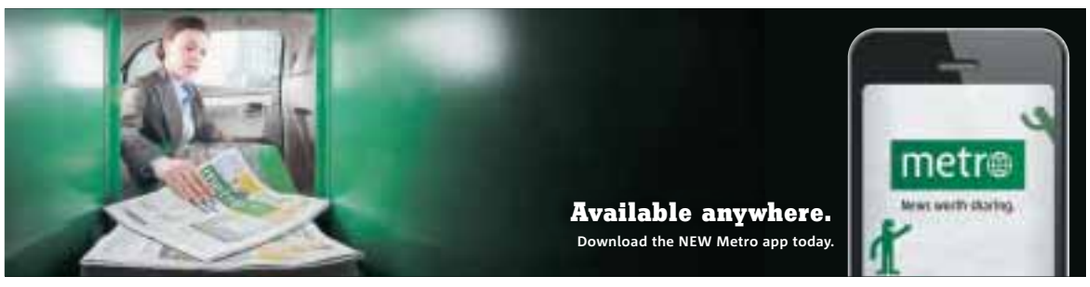
	6						1	
2	3	5				6	4	8
		7	9		6	8		
1								5
		6	4		5	1		
7	8	4				2	3	1
	5						9	
			7		2			

Yesterday's Sudoku

3	6	2	7	5	8	9	1	4
4	9	8	3	2	1	5	6	7
1	5	7	4	9	6	3	8	2
7	8	3	6	1	9	2	4	5
6	2	4	5	8	7	1	9	3
9	1	5	2	3	4	6	7	8
2	7	9	8	6	3	4	5	1
5	4	6	1	7	2	8	3	9
8	3	1	9	4	5	7	2	6

Today
20°/2°
Sunny
Friday
11°/-2°
Partly cloudy
Know what the weather will be 14 days from now.
Check the 14 day trend.
TWN incorporates MSC data



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